(b) if so, the number of such cylinders seized in the State during the last two years; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) 1366 fake cylinders were detected in Gujarat during 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(c) Field Officers of the Oil Companies keep a watch on the circulation of spurious cylinders in the system. Raids are conducted on suspected premises. Whenever spurious cylinders are detected by the Oil Marketing Companies, they are immediately destroyed. When such cylinders are detected from the LPG agencies/ transporters, they are issued caution/ warning letters and a penalty of Rs. 1500 per spurious cylinder is levied.

Granting of LPG distributorship in Gujarat

177. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified any new places for LPG distributorship in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the details with locations thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed agencies are likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Sixtyfive (65) LPG distributorships for various locations in Gujarat have been included in the current LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94, Selection of distributors for the locations included in the Marketing Plan is in progress through the Oil Selection Board. It takes about 1-2 years for commissioning of a distributorship from the date of advertisement. LPG Marketing Plan for 1994-95 has not been finalised.

Joint venture of GAIL and British Gas

178. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether British Gas and the Gas Authority of India Ltd. have set up a new company to bring natural gas to Bombay;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof;

(c) whether the said proposal had already been approved by the Central Government; and

(d) the areas identified to market the natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Government have approved the proposed Jont Venture of GAIL and British Gas to implement the Bombay City Gas Distribution Project. The Joint Venture Company is yet to be formed. The Project envisages the supply of nautraj gas to about six lakh households, commercial institutions and industrial units in and around Bombay.

Quota for allotment of LPG agencies during the Eighth Five Year Plan

179. SHRI V. RAJAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota fixed for allotment of LPG agencies and petrol/diesel agencies/ outlets in each State during the Eighth Five Year Plan;; and

(b) the number of such outlets and agencies proposed during the eighth Plan and the locations thereof; separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no